



Municipal Water District of Orange County Implements Water Allocation Plan – Stage 2

Municipal Water District of Orange County's (MWDOC) Board of Directors voted unanimously on April 15, 2009 to implement their Water Supply Allocation Plan at Stage 2. The MWDOC Board officially declared a regional water shortage. Stage 2 implementation will be effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. In response to the water supply allocation, the Utilities Director is requesting that we all continue to curb water waste and use all our resources efficiently. As was initially set forth by council resolution September 2008, asking for a 10% voluntary water use reduction. Customers and staff have done a phenomenal job reducing water waste, but these efforts need to be continued.

The City began producing and pumping water from the Orange County Groundwater Basin in an effort to reduce water costs, have an alternate source of water and lessen the impact on MWDOC supplies. As a result, two well sites were developed in Fountain Valley and a pump station, treatment facility and 3-million gallon reservoir were built at the City's Utilities Yard. Thanks to these projects the City has been producing a majority of its water demand via groundwater pumping. Over the past few years the Orange County Water District (OCWD) has reduced the amount that producers can pump from the basin. The current Basin Pumping Percentage (BPP) is 62%, which means we rely on imported water from MWDOC for 38% of our water needs.

We are optimistic that throughout the summer, continued water use efficiency and conservation outreach will take hold with all City water customers. By making behavioral changes to curb water waste and by being smart water stewards we can meet this water shortage head on.

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